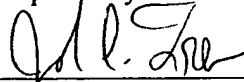


REMARKS

Note that claims 1, 5, 8-10, 12, 13, 16 and 17 have been amended so that claims 1-17 of the present application correspond to claims 1-17 of parent U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/043,885 that were finally rejected in the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2003 in the '885 application. Applicant traverses the rejections for the same reasons given in Applicant's Amendments filed on July 28, 2003 and February 13, 2004, the entire contents of each of which are incorporated herein by reference. Note that where applicable the *Festo* remarks in the Applicant's Amendments of November 27, 2002, July 28, 2003 and February 13, 2004 regarding claims 1-17 of the '885 application apply to the amendments made to corresponding claims 1-17 of the present application.

Regarding new claims 18 and 19, they are being presented to provide additional coverage for a device for transferring electric currents. Accordingly, claims 18 and 19 are not being presented for reasons of patentability as defined in *Festo Corporation v. Shoketsu Kinzoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co., Ltd.*, 234 F.3d 558, 56 USPQ2d 1865 Fed. Cir. 2000) (*en banc*), *overruled in part*, 535 U.S. 722 2002).

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